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**Preliminary Amendment**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner preliminarily amend the specification and claims of the instant application as indicated below.

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 1, insert the following as the first sentence of the application:

A1  
This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/353,278 entitled "DUAL-ZONED ABSORBENT WEBS" filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 14, 1999, which application is a divisional application of application serial number 08/997,287 entitled "DUAL-ZONED ABSORBENT WEBS" filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 23, 1997, which application is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 08/821,483 entitled "DUAL-ZONED ABSORBENT WEBS" filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 21, 1997. The entirety of application serial number 09/353,278 is hereby incorporated by reference.

At page 36, line 1, insert the following omitted descriptions of Figures 13 and 14:

A2  
Figure 13 is a cross-sectional view of an embodiment of this invention wherein the hydrophobic material comprises groups or tufts of hydrophobic fibers.